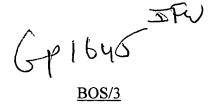
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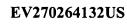
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This is in response to the Office Communication of September 23, 2004 in the above-identified application. This Response, with revised Reply and Amendment, is being filed within one month of the date of the notice of non-compliant amendment. A response is due by October 23, 2004.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 8 of this paper.